

Senate Bill 146

By: Senators Hill of the 32nd, Jackson of the 2nd, Hawkins of the 49th and Goggans of the 7th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to require the Department of Community Health to contract with a single administrator for dental services; to provide for applicability; to provide for an amendment to the state plan if necessary; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:  
"49-4-158.

(a) On or before September 1, 2009, the department shall contract with a single administrator for dental services for recipients of medical assistance pursuant to this article.

The contracting agent shall use dental providers to render oral health care services.

(b) The newly created single administration program shall be in effect and contracted with all dental providers by not later than January 1, 2010.

(c) The department shall submit any necessary modifications, if applicable, to the state plan for medical assistance filed pursuant to Code Section 49-4-12 in order to fulfill the requirements of this Code section.

(d) The contracting agent selected to administer the provision of oral health care services for recipients of medical assistance shall comply with subsection (e) of Code Section 49-4-153."

**SECTION 2.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.